DAILY Warm-Up 5

Name _____ Date _____

SCHOOL FUNDING

School funding is one of the biggest issues in schools today. There just isn't enough money to go around. Many schools across the country are so old that they are falling apart. Each time it rains, hallways are filled with buckets and trash cans to catch the water. Some schools are filled with mold, causing problems for children and teachers allergic to mold. This mold can also be toxic. Old schools that are falling apart are often safety hazards, as well.

Another problem with our education is that the schools are not funded properly. Teachers struggle on a daily basis to teach lessons with no paper or materials available to do so. How can a teacher possibly teach students without the necessary supplies? Schools cannot afford to hire enough teachers, either. The ratio of students to teachers is much too high to meet the needs of all the students. The government spends a lot of money on programs that are not necessary. The government should stop this waste and send this money to the schools.

Educators feel that schools can no longer be ignored. There will be a price to pay. Uneducated students cannot be as productive in society. Society pays the price in the cost of crime and violence and families on welfare.

STORY QUESTIONS

1. Which would be another good title for this reading passage?
   a. "Choose Your Own School"
   b. "My Community, My Choice"
   c. "Schools vs. Government"
   d. "Schools Need Money"

2. Which of the following is the main reason to support school funding?
   a. Another problem with our education is that the schools are not funded properly.
   b. Many schools across the country are so old they are falling apart.
   c. Schools cannot afford to hire enough teachers either.
   d. Uneducated students cannot be as productive in society.

3. What is meant by the word *productive* as used in this passage?
   a. amorous
   b. industrious
   c. ineffective
   d. reliant

4. What will ultimately happen if schools do not receive money to teach students?
   a. Students will have to skip grades.
   b. Teachers will have to use their own money.
   c. Schools will have to be shut down.
   d. Students will not receive adequate education.

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